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1. AT HIS INITIATIVE, MR. A. GARIN, NIRAG ASSOCIATES OF LONDON, MET WITH DATT/AIRA DEC 27 AND IN SUBSTANCE REPEATED INFORMATION COVERED IN REFTEL (A). DATT INFORMED GARIN THAT HE DOUBTED HIS CLAIMS RE E. SYSTEMS INVOLVEMENT OR U.S. GOVT CLEARANCE TO DISCUSS AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS WITH EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE.

2. ON JAN 2, 1975 GARIN MET WITH DATT ACCCOMPANIED BY AIR VICE MARSHAL A.M. MIKAATI (RET), DIRECTOR, AEROCONSULTS WHOM GARIN INDRODUCED AS HIS EGYPTIAN, CAIRO-BASED REP. GARIN REPEATED HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT E. SYSTEMS HAD CONDUCTED IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIANS IN 1972 AND THAT AIR VICE MARSHALL MISIR, EAF DEPUTY CMDR MOST ANXIOUS TO GET E. SYSTEMS INTO THE PICTURE. GARIN, TO SUPPORT HIS POSITION, ALLEGED THAT E. SYSTEMS HAD SUBMITTED A "FEASIBILITY" STUDY TO EAF BASED ON BUILDING-BLOCK TECHNIQUE WHICH WOULD TAKE THEM FROM A SIMPLE VOICE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE TO A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM INTEGRATING GOE AIRCRAFT OBSERVER CORPS INTO AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. DATT ASKED IF COPY OF STUDY WERE AVAILABLE AND AS EXPECTED GARIN FUMBLED, SAYING HE THOUGHT HIS REP MIGHT HAVE A COPY IN HIS OFFICE. GARIN SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT ALL COPIES OF STUDY HAD BEEN FURNISHED EO EAF.

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3. FOLLOWING RECEPT OF STATE REFTELS, DATT ASKED GARIN MEET WITH HIM. GARIN, OBVIOUSLY INTOXICATED, REACTED WITH APLOMB WHEN DATT TOLD HIM THAT E. SYSTEMS DID NOT HAVE DEPT CLEARANCE FOR AIR DEFENSE PLAN AND THAT GARIN HAD MISREPRESENTED ASSOCIATION WITH E. SYSTEMS. DATT ADDED THAT HE WOULD ALSO INFORM EAF AUTHORITIES OF FACT E. SYSTEMS HAD NOT RECEIVED GOVT AUTHORITY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AIR DEF. SYSTEM IN EUROPE. GARIN SAID HE WOULD TELEX E. SYSTEMS ON ARRIVAL IN LONDON THE NEXT DAY "TO STRAIGHTEN THEM OUT".

4. DATT SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED EAF RE GARIN'S BONA FIDES.
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